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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530


Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to urge the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. The issue needs to be put to rest and the industry needs to move on. The longer that this drags on the worse it is for everyone.

The entire case has been a farce from the beginning. It takes a lot of nerve to ask any company to share its secrets with its competitors. In the settlement Microsoft agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Window's operating system products and people are still saying that Microsoft has gotten off easy. Microsoft is still in one piece, although they have been forced to open their vault of secrets.

Microsoft has given up a lot in order to settle with the government. The government needs to accept the settlement and move on. I do not remember any of the other "Giants of Industry", ever being told to do the same. The government has lost sight of the amazing number of industry related people that Microsoft had taken off the breadline many years back.. I am a very honest, sincere, hardworking, and trustworthy person that exercises his right to vote in every election, every year. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Robert J. Bergman